GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5171
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FOODGRAIN ALLOCATION
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for change norms in foodgrain allocations to the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments are complaining about the restrictions placed in their allocation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): Requests for increasing the allocation of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) have been received from some States.

The allocation of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is madeuniformally to all the States @ 35 kg per family per month for Antyodaya families, families below the poverty line (BPL) and families above the poverty line (APL) for the estimated no. of families in each category as per the poverty estimates of the Planning Commission (1993-94) and population projections of the Registrar General of India as on 1.3.2000 or no. of ration cardsissued, whichever is less. At present there is no proposal to enhance the scale of monthly allocation.